

**ADDRESS**  
OF  
**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY**  
On behalf of Auxiliaries.

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MR. PRESIDENT, BRETHREN AND FRIENDS:—

Two years ago it was our privilege to present an address from the Woman's Missionary Society to this Conference, asking for their sanction and co-operation. At the Annual Meeting of the Western Branch, held in Mitchell last October, three of our members were appointed to represent our Society at the three Conferences comprised in our Western Branch. In accordance with this appointment we are here this evening to speak of our Society, its progress, its interests, and the claims it has on each and every member of this Conference to aid in its extension, and to assist in the organization of Auxiliaries in connection with every Circuit.

Lest there still remains any misapprehension as to the position the Woman's Missionary Society holds, it may not be out of place to give a few extracts regarding its institution: "At the General Conference of 1878, a proposal for the organization of a Woman's Missionary Society was introduced and favorably received, but action was delayed for a time, and the question remitted to the Central Board of Missions, with authority to proceed when deemed expedient.

"In 1879 the Board instructed the General Secretary to bring the matter before the women of the Church and endeavor to promote the scheme. In June, 1880, during the session of the London Conference, a meeting of ladies was held in the Centenary Church, Hamilton, where Dr. Sutherland introduced the subject and urged its claims. The proposal was accepted, and a Society organized for the city. It became apparent, however, that if anything considerable was to be accomplished, it would be absolutely necessary to organize upon a broader basis. This conviction took practical shape at a meeting held in Wesley Church, April, 1881, Dr. Suth-